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Order of Battle

1. Following is a list of Czechoslovak Army Units:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mil. Sig. Corps Academy	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Nove Mesto nad Vahom [4845N-1750E]
Mil. Engr. Academy	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Litomerice [5032N-1408E]
Mil. Inf. Academy	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Hranice [4933N-1744E]
Med. Academy	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Hradec Kralove
7th Rifle Div.	U/i Corps	Unk.	Opava [4957N-1755E]
3rd Tk. Div. []	Ministry of National Defense	6290	Mlada-Milovice

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>
103rd Mecz. Regt.	3rd Tk. Div.	2100	Mlada-Milovice
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16th Tk. Regt	3rd Tk. Div.	1200-1500	Mlada-Milovice
13th Tk. Regt.	3rd Tk. Div.	1200-1500	Mlada-Milovice
113th Arty. Regt.	3rd Tk. Div.	320	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 SP Bn.	3rd Tk. Div.	264	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Engr. Bn.	3rd Tk. Div.	174	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 RL Bn.	3rd Tk. Div.	98	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 AA Bn.	3rd Tk. Div.	316	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Sig. Bn.	3rd Tk. Div.	230	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Cml. Co.	3rd Tk. Div.	60	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Auto Bn.	3rd Tk. Div.	140	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Med. Co.	3rd Tk. Div.	50	Mlada-Milovice
1st Mecz. Bn.	103rd Mecz. Regt.	470	Mlada-Milovice
2nd Mecz. Bn.	103rd Mecz. Regt.	472	Mlada-Milovice
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			Strength figure was actual. 25X1
3rd Mecz. Bn.	103rd Mecz. Regt.	470	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Arty. Bn.	103rd Mecz. Regt.	215	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Tk. Bn.	103rd Mecz. Regt.	235	Mlada-Milovice
Hq. Co.	103rd Mecz. Regt.	117	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Sig. Plat.	Hq. Co., 103rd Mecz. Regt.	41	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Engr. Plat.	Hq. Co., 103rd Mecz. Regt.	36	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Recon. Plat.	Hq. Co., 103rd Mecz. Regt.	31	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Cml. Sec.	Hq. Co., 103rd Mecz. Regt.	13	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Svc. Co.	103rd Mecz. Regt.	70	Mlada-Milovice

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordi- nation</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>
Med. Sec.	103rd Mecz. Regt.	23	Mlada-Milovice
NCO School	103rd Mecz. Regt.	210	Mlada-Milovice
1st Inf. Co.	2nd Mecz. Bn.	84	Mlada-Milovice
2nd Inf. Co.	2nd Mecz. Bn.	84	Mlada-Milovice
3rd Inf. Co.	2nd Mecz. Bn.	84	Mlada-Milovice
4th HMG Co.	2nd Mecz. Bn.	34	Mlada-Milovice
5th Mortar Co.	2nd Mecz. Bn.	40	Mlada-Milovice
6th AA-AT Gun. Co.	2nd Mecz. Bn.	72	Mlada-Milovice
Hq. Sec.	2nd Mecz. Bn.	14	Mlada-Milovice
Trans. Co.	2nd Mecz. Bn.	60	Mlada-Milovice
U/1 Sig. Regt.	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Pardubice
U/1 RR Regt.	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Pardubice
U/1 Engr. Regt.	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Pardubice
U/1 AAA Regt.	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Jicin [5026N-1522E]
U/1 Arty. Regt.	1st Mil. Dist.	Unk.	Jicin
Armored Train Bn.	Ministry of National Defense	Unk.	Mlada-Milovice

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Unit History

2. The 3rd Tk. Div. was stationed in Preleus [5002N-1534E] until 1948. In the Fall of 1948 the Division moved to Kromeriz [4918N-1724E] and remained there until 1951. In the latter part of 1951, the Division moved to Mlada-Milovice and has been there ever since.

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in October 1952, it was of peacetime T/O&E. The peacetime T/O&E of the 3rd Tk. Div. consisted of approximately 6,500 persons.

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in the event of hostilities, the 3rd Tk. Div. would be ready to meet any attack.

Personnel Changes

3. [redacted] the names of six officers from the 103rd Mecz. Regt. who were nominated to go to the USSR to attend a military academy for a period of two years. [redacted] they were to leave the 103rd Mecz. Regt. sometime in May 1953.

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4. About 900 NCO's from various units all over Czechoslovakia attended the Military Signal Corps Academy in Nove Mesto nad Vahem. Upon completion of the course, they were promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Signal Corps.

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Assignment to Military Districts

11. In September 1952, an unidentified Czechoslovak major, a representative of the Ministry of National Defense (Ministerstvo Narodni Obrany - MNO), arrived in Nove Mesto na Vah to preside at a graduation exercise. As the major presented a diploma to each graduate, the military district to which each was assigned was announced. Three districts were mentioned: the 1st Mil. Dist. in Prague, the 2nd Mil. Dist. in Olomouc, and the 3rd Mil. Dist. in Zilina.

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Manpower

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equipment, and a rifle. The rifles were of two types: the German-type 27 and Czechoslovak-type 29. Both were 7.92 mm. and used the same type ammunition. The rifles were old, but in good condition.

14. In October 1952, the system of reporting for service was changed. The recruits still received individual reporting notices by mail, but assembled at the headquarters of the Regional Military Command (Okresni vojenske velitelstvi - OVV) nearest their home. There they were met by an officer who had a prepared roster which showed to which unit each individual recruit was assigned for basic training. When all the men were notified of their assignments, they left in groups for their respective training centers.

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15.

men of the
class of 1926 were undergoing their final physical examination.
they were inducted into service about a month later.
The five categories of men accepted into the Armed Forces were as follows:

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- A - Qualified for general military service.
- AJ - Slightly disabled, such as those with a missing finger or flat feet.
- CD - Physically weak. These received clerical assignments or, in accordance with their civilian occupation, were assigned to jobs as cooks, tailors, shoe repairmen, etc.
- CJ - Suffering from organic disorders, such as ulcers.
- CV - Formerly classified as CJ, whose condition had become worse. They were discharged.

Basic training for men in category A, lasted six months. Those in the other categories received only two months' training.

16. About 50% of the inductees in my group were assigned to the Border Guard (Pohranicni straz - PS). The others went into various branches of the military service. At the time of the physical examination, individuals had a chance to declare their choice of service in a specific branch of the Armed Forces, such as mechanized, infantry, and artillery units, Air Force, Border Guards, etc. They received an assignment to their chosen branch whenever possible and according to the needs of the different branches of service.

17. The following is a breakdown of year classes in the 2nd Mecz. Bn..

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<u>Year Class</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Induction Date</u>	<u>Demobilization Date</u>
1929	20	Apr. 1951	Apr. 1953
1930	225	Fall of 1951	Fall of 1953
1931	175	Apr 1952	Unk.
1932	30	Fall of 1952	Unk.

18. Approximately two-thirds of the officers [redacted] were regular Army officers while the remainder were reserve officers. Of the 900 who attended the Mil. Sig. Corps Academy in Nove Mesto nad Vahom, 50 % were regular Army NCO's and 25% were officer candidates; the remaining 25% were non-regular, two-year NCO's. [redacted]

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[redacted] the classes of 1928 and 1929 were discharged. [redacted] the Air Force's term of service had been extended from two to three years. Personnel such as tank crews, engineers, and signalmen were not extended in their term of service. Unit strength increased after induction, but between the time a unit discharged personnel and new personnel arrived and were integrated into their respective duties, there was a delay of about 45 days.

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19. All the students who completed the Mil. Sig. Corps Academy in Nove Mesto nad Vahom were commissioned lieutenants in the Czechoslovak Army. Of the 900 who attended the course, 15 did not graduate because of political unreliability or sickness and 37 potential officers remained at the school for another three months because they did not grasp their subjects too well; however, it was stated that they would graduate because they were politically reliable. Of the graduating class, 21 received the grade superior; 30, excellent; 120, very good; and 710 [redacted] satisfactory.

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20. In March 1953, seven reserve officers came into the 103rd Mecz. Regt. for a two-month term of service. [redacted]

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these reservists were from the class of 1926. They were assigned to infantry companies, and their duties consisted of observing the training then taking place in the Czechoslovak Army. They assisted the infantry company commanders in performing duties, such as the training of small units. [redacted]

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21. [redacted] the chemical company which was organic to the 3rd Tank Div. received approximately 35 men who were in for a service of two months. They participated in small-unit training in the chemical company. [redacted]

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